



# South Coast Air Quality Management District



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**Draft Remedial Action Plan for Operable Unit 1, Area B,  
Central Region Elementary School #13, Los Angeles, CA 90018**

Dear Ms. Akula:

The South Coast Air Quality Management (SCAQMD) has reviewed the "Draft Remedial Action Plan for Operable Unit 1, Area B, Central Region Elementary School #13, Los Angeles, CA 90018" (November 19, 2009) and wishes to submit the following comments.

The SCAQMD staff is concerned that Area B of Central Region Elementary School #13 contains contaminated soil. It is the SCAQMD staff's understanding that remediation will require removal of the contaminated soil and replacement with clean fill. Elaine Valenzuela, LAUSD Senior Project Manager and Tom Watson, LAUSD Project Manager for this project, confirmed to SCAQMD staff that no children will occupy the school site until all remediation has been completed.


To further ensure that remediation activities and the proposed project minimize air quality and public health impacts, the SCAQMD staff recommends the following:

1. All site remediation activities should adhere to all applicable regulations of the SCAQMD and other agencies.
2. Conduct testing at the completion of remediation to ensure that risk level goals have been accomplished.
3. Students should not occupy the site until all remediation and testing is completed for the entire school site showing that there are safe levels or no health impacts.
4. Continue monitoring to ensure students are not exposed to soil vapors.

*Cleaning the air that we breathe...*

If you have any questions, please contact me at (909) 396-3105 or [snakamura@aqmd.gov](mailto:snakamura@aqmd.gov).

Sincerely,



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